



BOULDER COUNTY SUBREGIONAL FORUM TAC

AGENDA ITEM NAME: **Town of Superior McCaslin Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing**

MEETING DATE: **September 9, 2024**

PRESENTED BY: **Brannon Richards, Town of Superior, Public Works & Utilities Director**

BACKGROUND:

In August 2023, The Town of Superior (Town) was awarded DRCOG FY 2024-2027 TIP Funding for the design of a Multiuse Underpass across McCaslin Boulevard, which would connect Downtown Superior and the existing Town trail system along Vista Corridor to the extensive Boulder County trail system west of McCaslin Boulevard, including the Oerman-Roche Trailhead. Unfortunately, this funding was for design only which would start in 2026. The estimated construction cost to complete the proposed underpass is \$6 million. While a safe pedestrian and bike crossing is needed at this location, the Town does not have the funds to complete this project within the 10-year plus budget period. In addition, town staff do not believe this project will score well for future construction grant funding.

Therefore, the Town is proposing a scope modification to the currently funded, design only, McCaslin Boulevard Multiuse Underpass Project.

SCOPE MODIFICATION:

The Town would like to modify the previously awarded project scope which is for the design of a MUP Pedestrian Underpass along McCaslin Boulevard, to construction of an At-Grade MUP HAWK Crossing of McCaslin Boulevard.

The Town is seeing an increasing number of pedestrian crossings of McCaslin Boulevard, which is a 4-lane divided road with a speed limit of 45 mph, as Downtown Superior continues to get built-out. These uncontrolled crossings of McCaslin Boulevard are creating an unsafe environment for pedestrians and motorists. Therefore, the Town recommends modifying the previously awarded project scope to an At-Grade MUP HAWK Crossing.

This would allow the Town to meet the intent of the project in 2026, improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Not adjusting the project scope will allow the Town to move forward with design of an underpass in 2026, but will not result in any physical improvements for the foreseeable future as the Town lacks the short and long-term funding to fund the construction of the underpass.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The Town is not seeking any additional funding and is not proposing any changes to the funding amount previously allocated for this project. The Town has already budgeted for the matching funds required for the previously funded project.